

Media Information



Columbus Division of Police

Date: 11/11/2019

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 11/10/2019

Time: 9:58pm

Location of Offense/Incident: E/B I-70 at Hilliard-Rome

Zone: 3

Precinct: 15

Incident Report #: 190948859

Cruiser District: 151

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Incident Summary: On 11/10/2019 at 9:58 pm, Kolton Koester (22) of Howey Rd., was operating his Nissan Xterra eastbound on I-70 east of Hilliard-Rome Rd. approaching I-270 in the middle lane. At the same time Jonathan Ard (28), of N. Harris Av., ran out onto the roadway from the center median. Mr. Ard continued across the roadway into the path of Mr. Koester's vehicle. The right front of the Xterra stuck Mr. Ard. The impact threw Mr. Ard into the left lane of the ramps to I-270. As Mr. Ard lay there he was struck by a semi operated by Karl Uhlig (66) of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. That impact pushed Mr. Ard back into the middle lane where he was struck by a Toyota Prius operated by Andrew Decker (24) of Worthington Woods Blvd. CFD Medic #26 arrived and pronounced Mr. Ard dead at 10:11 pm.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded and initiated an investigation, which is ongoing.

This is the City's 62nd traffic related fatality this year.

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